IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

DONNA ANDERS,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: CIV-21-159-F

WAL-MART STORES, INC., d/b/a WAL-MART SUPERCENTER, STORE #2803,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO: THE JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

Defendant, Walmart Inc., a Delaware Corporation identified herein as Wal-Mart Stores Inc., d/b/a Wal-Mart Supercenter, Store #2803 ("Walmart") pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. §§1331, 1441(a) and 1446 and LCvR 81.2, file this Notice of Removal of the civil action filed against it in the District Court of Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma, to the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. In support of removal, Defendant states as follows:

- 1. Plaintiff, Donna Anders filed her Petition in the District Court of Oklahoma County on January 25, 2021. (*See* copy of the Oklahoma County District Court Docket, attached as Exhibit "1").
- 2. Plaintiff, Donna Anders has pled damages in excess of the amount required for

- diversity jurisdiction pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. §1332. (See Plaintiff's Petition, attached as Exhibit "2").
- 3. It is Defendant's belief that Plaintiff is a resident and citizen of the State of Oklahoma.
- 4. Defendant Wal-Mart Stores East, L.P. a Delaware Limited Partnership, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Walmart, Inc., a Delaware Corporation with its principal place of business in Bentonville, Arkansas, which is composed of two partners, namely WSE Management, LLC (GP) and WSE Investment, LLC (LP), both of which are Delaware limited liability companies with their principal place of business in Bentonville, Arkansas. Further, the sole member of said two liability companies is Walmart Inc., a Delaware Corporation and is a publicly traded corporation. Further, the principal place of business of Wal-Mart Stores East, L.P., and Walmart Inc., is Bentonville, Arkansas. Consequently, Defendant Walmart is a citizen of the State of Arkansas.
- 5. Because this is a civil action between citizens of different states and the amount in controversy is in excess of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), this Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over the civil action pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. §1332(a)(1). Removal of the action to this Court by Defendant Walmart is made pursuant to the provisions of Title 28 U.S.C. §1441.
- 6. In accordance with the provisions of Title 28 U.S.C. §1391(a), venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma because

the alleged incident occurred in Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma, which is

in the Western District of Oklahoma.

7. By virtue of this Notice of Removal, Defendant does not waive its right to assert

any jurisdictional claims or pursue other motions or defenses, including those

available under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

8. In accordance with the provisions of Title 28 U.S.C. §1446(a) and the local rules

of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, legible

copies of all documents filed in the state court action are being filed

contemporaneously with this Notice of Removal and submitted by way of the

following exhibits:

CJ-2021-336 (Oklahoma County District Court)

Exhibit 1: Copy of the Oklahoma County District Court Docket

Exhibit 2: Petition

Exhibit 3: Summons

Exhibit 4: Defendant's Answer to Plaintiff's Petition

Exhibit 5: Entry of Appearance for Michael Brewer

Exhibit 6: Entry of Appearance for Jeff Scott

In accordance with the provisions of Title 28 U.S.C. §1446(d), Defendant is

serving a copy of this Notice of Removal upon Plaintiff and filing a Notice of

Removal with the Clerk of the District Court of Oklahoma County, State of

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Oklahoma, where this case was originally filed. Copies of this Notice are being served upon Plaintiff and filed with the Oklahoma County Court Clerk contemporaneous with this document.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays that the Court take jurisdiction in this action to the exclusion of any further proceedings in the District Court of Oklahoma County.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 26th day of February 2021, I electronically transmitted the attached document to the Clerk of Court using the ECF System for filing. Based on the records currently on file, the Clerk of Court will transmit a Notice of Electronic Filing to the following ECF registrants:

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